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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF PEACE CORPS ACTIVITIES

STATE FOR ARA

PEACE CORPS FOR PEREZ

REF: A) STATE 156160

B) MONTEVIDEO 2561

1. AS NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION OF PC ACTIVITIES TO HOST-COUNTRY SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS HAS FOLLOWED OUR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO GOU (REF. B), IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE SET IN REF. A IS BEING INTERPRETED AS A PRECIPITOUS AND GRACELESS WITHDRAWAL. WE HAVE RECEIVED PROTESTS FROM URUGUAYANS INVOLVED WITH PCV'S MR. AND MRS. ISRAEL IN SALTO AND PCV SCHULTZ AT MINAS DE CORRALES ABOUT UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. IN SALTO CASE, CITRUS COOPERATIVE HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED 90DAY EXTENSION FOR PCV'S ISRAEL AS CRITICAL SPRAYING SEASON IS ABOUT TO BEGIN FOR CITRUS SANITATION PROGRAM. AT MINAS DE CORRALES, PCV SCHULTZ, IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS ON THE JOB, HAS INSPIRED EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY EFFORTS, INCLUDING RELATIVELY LARGE (IN LOCAL TERMS) EXPENDITURES FOR EQUIPMENT.

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COOPERATIVE WITH WHICH SHE WORKS IS DISTRESSS AT PROSPECT

OF HER ABRUPT DEPARTURE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: I RECOMMEND, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF PC ACTING DIRECTOR CASS, THAT THE THREE PCV'S (THE ISRAELS AND MISS SCHULTZ) BE AUTHORIZED REMAIN IN COUNTRY UNTIL NOV. 1. THE EXTRA MONTH WILL ALLOW THEM TO WIND UP THEIR PROJECTS IN A MORE COURTEOUS AND EFFICIENT MANNER. OTHERWISE, I BELIEVE THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN (ONLY 40 DAYS BETWEEN THE NECESSARY PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO FONMIN AND THE OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE) WILL GRATUITOUSLY CAUSE BAD FEELING IN THE AREAS EFFECTED, DETRIMENTAL TO THE REPUTATIONS OF THE PEACE CORPS IN PARTICULAR AND THE USG IN GENERAL.

3. THE ADMINISTRATIVE SHUTDOWN OF THE PC HERE WHICH IS ALREADY FAR ADVANCED WILL PROCEED

APACE, REGARDLESS OF THE EXTENSION REQUESTED ABOVE. APCD CASS COUSFTEMAIN UNTIL PCV'S DEPARTURE, OR, IF DESIRED, HE CAN DEPART ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 1, LEAVING THE EMBASSY TO ASSIST PCV'S DEPARTURE ADMINISTRATIVELY. PLEASE ADVISE.

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